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SUBJECT: CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS: GREEK AMBASSADOR REQUESTS
THE SECRETARY'S INTERVENTION

1. GREEK AMBASSADOR ALEXANDRAKIS CALLED APRIL 30 ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LAINGEN TO REQUEST US ASSISTANCE IN SEEKING A RESUMPTION IN THE CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS. ALEXANDRAKIS SAID THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD ASSURED FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS LAST MONTH IN WASHINGTON THAT THE US WOULD ENCOURAGE THE TURKS TO MAKE A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL ON TERRITORY. THE GREEK AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THAT HE WAS NOW UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO HAVE CONVEYED TO THE SECRETARY HIS GOVERNMENT'S VIEW THAT THE ONLY WAY TO ASSURE A RETURN TO VIENNA WOULD BE FOR THE TURKS TO PRESENT SPECIFIC PROPOSALS, CONFIDENTIAL

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AS HAD BEEN ARRANGED BY BITSIOS AND CAGLAYANGIL LAST DECEM-

BER.

2. LAINGEN SAID THE SECRETARY WOULD NATURALLY BE REVIEWING THE CYPRUS SITUATION WITH CAGLAYANGIL AT HIS NEXT MEETING WITH THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER, INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF AN EXCHANGE AT NAIROBI DURING THE UNCTAD MEETING. BUT, AMONG THE OBSTACLES IN GETTING THE TURKS TO MAKE A SPECIFIC TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL WAS GREEK CYPRIOT INSISTENCE ON CHARACTERIZING THEIR OWN TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL AS WALDHEIM'S.

BY INSISTENCE ON REFERENCE TO THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL, THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE COULD BE SAID TO BE HIDING BEHIND WALDHEIM'S SKIRTS ON THE ISSUE OF TERRITORY. IN ANY EVENT THE RESULT WAS TO GIVE THE TURKS A PRETEXT FOR NOT COMING FORWARD WITH THEIR OWN PROPOSALS ON TERRITORY.

3. ALEXANDRAKIS ADMITTED THAT ATHENS HAD SOUGHT TO GET MAKARIOS TO DROP REFERENCES TO WALDHEIM, BUT THE ARCHBISHOP DID NOT TAKE THAT ADVICE. IN ANY CASE, THE GREEK GOVERNMENT BELIEVES NOW IS THE TIME TO GET THE TURKS TO MAKE TERRITORIAL PROPOSALS.

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